

REMARKS

Applicant amends the specification to cross-reference related applications.

Claims 3 and 4 are amended to remove multiple dependencies and for no other purpose.

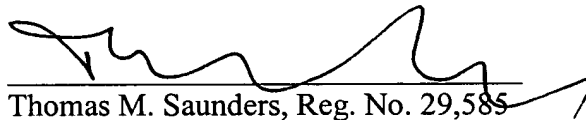
Claim 5 is added. Claim 5 is based on original claim 3.

The Examiner is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned in furtherance of the prosecution of the present application.

CONCLUSION

The claims remaining within the application are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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